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What the Valuations Show.

The increased valuations have affected small real estate properties more seriously than large properties, as some examples taken at random from the assessment books show. The exhibit would seem to contradict the impression that has always prevailed that the small property was under the old law more heavily assessed than the large property. In the examples given the real numbers of the property are not given, so as to avoid identification. Otherwise the record is as it appears on the assessors' books:

Small Properties.	Tax.	Inc.	P. C.
1905.....\$500	\$13.30	\$6.8	
1906.....1,200	32.00	15.00	
1905.....1,500	38.15		
1906.....2,500	61.35	23.20	59
1905.....3,000	68.30		
1906.....4,000	71.75	3.45	43
Large Properties.	Tax.	Inc.	P. C.
1905.....\$5,000	\$85.1		
1906.....54,000	945	859.9	97.3
1905.....70,000	1,395		
1906.....106,000	1,852	457	32.7
1905.....85,000	1,281		
1906.....158,000	2,565	1,284	98.7

The wide differences in the increased valuations show at once the gross inequality of the former assessments. Where one property is increased 85.3 per cent, and another property 18.7 per cent, the difference in other cases being even more startling, there is indubitable proof that former assessments were made with the grossest carelessness, or with reckless discrimination. The new valuations reveal the injustice and wrong of the former assessed valuations.—Newark Advertiser.

Windy Valuations.

New York city taxing officials charge up sums ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 of personal tax against people doing business in that city, and this charge is often made without knowledge of the circumstances of the person so taxed. Out of town residents are compelled to go to the tax office in New York and make affidavit that they are not residents of the city and swear off the assessment. The New York taxing officials send notice to tax officials of the place where the man claims residence of the amount of tax sworn off. The taxing officials of this town received some of these notices. One was that of a party claiming residence here who sworn off a personal property assessment of \$40,000 in New York city and another was for \$10,000. Investigation was made and it was found that the \$10,000 was that of a youth residing with his parents and having no property of his own. The other case was that of a new-comer and whose personal property amounted to about \$500. In the returns made to the County Board of Taxation last week the tax officials of Orange reported having received such notices from the New York tax office and promptly slapped them into their duplicate. If the six million increase in Orange is made up of much of such stuff there is not much credence to be attached to the figures.

The Saloon Issue.

The Democratic party will undoubtedly endeavor to make political capital this fall out of the bishops' bill. From all accounts there appears to be great dissatisfaction in Newark over the restrictions imposed upon the saloon business by recent legislation.

The German-American element in the city is said to be very much incensed, and threatens vengeance on those responsible for the legislation. At a recent gathering of German-Americans most emphatic sentiments were expressed on the situation, and a demand was made that candidates for the Legislature place themselves on record as favoring the repeal or modification of the so-called "bishops' bill."

At a meeting in Newark the other evening delegates from the German-American Associations of the State adopted a declaration of views embodying a demand for more liberal conditions under the law, and the German-American Central Association of Newark at a recent meeting heard and endorsed protests against what was termed "an obnoxious act which deprives the citizen of his personal freedom."

A Demonstration.
Albert W. Greene, a student in the New York Homoeopathic Medical School, gave a demonstration yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. M. Davis, 14 Orchard street, of the advantages of aluminum cooking utensils. Mr. Greene can be seen at George Souder's, No. 67 Orchard street.

Bloomfield's Valuations.

The members of the County Board of Taxation will visit Bloomfield Monday and make an inspection of properties here. The large increase in valuations in some other parts of the county, compared with Bloomfield's returns to the county board, has caused that body to decide upon making a personal inspection of properties here.

The members of the local board of assessors were summoned before the county board Thursday and made a defense of their valuations. They contended that notwithstanding the large increase in East Orange, Belleville, Glen Ridge and Montclair, that where conditions were at all similar, that a comparison with Bloomfield's valuations would show that Bloomfield property was as highly assessed as that of any other place.

The members of the county board did not admit or contradict the contention, but decided to investigate for themselves. The exact amount of the increase in Glen Ridge, Montclair, Belleville and East Orange will not be determined until the county board has passed upon the valuations as an appellate body. If the appeals made to the county board are anything like in proportion to what they were when the local assessors made a large increase in valuations here in 1905, the county board will be deluged with work.

At the conference on Thursday the county board took exception to the assessment on farm land in Brookdale. The local assessors contended that Brookdale property was assessed for all it would sell for. The county board could not accept that view of it and will go through Brookdale.

The actual effect of the increase in valuations will not be apparent until the tax rates of the various municipalities are announced. In places like East Orange, Montclair and Glen Ridge the tax rate ought to go down proportionately with the increase in valuations. If it does not it will be demonstrative proof that there is something wrong with the increases.

Orange Protests Against Bloomfield.

Tax Assessor Maximilian M. Mohor of Orange was the authority for the announcement Tuesday that the Orange Board of Assessors proposes to make a formal protest to the County Board of Taxation against the returns sent in by Bloomfield, which adjoints Orange. Orange returns show an increase in valuations of \$6,209,971, or 54 per cent., while Bloomfield only increased 6 per cent., or \$387,902. Wm. F. Poucher, chairman of the East Orange Board of Assessors, who returned from Asbury Park Tuesday, also intimated that East Orange would protest against the returns from Orange. East Orange shows a raise of 91 per cent., or \$18,675,700. Mr. Poucher said Orange's figures were ridiculous. It is figured that East Orange's tax rate will be about \$1.50 this year, against \$2.45 last year and \$2.73 the year previous.

The Orange assessors think they have done about all that can be reasonably expected by adding more than \$6,000,000 to the levy. The Public Service Corporation, which has car barns in East Orange, has been raised, and in Orange the Lackawanna Railroad's tax was raised about \$60,000.

The Orange assessors got after a number of New York men living in Orange who had sworn off taxes in the metropolis, on the ground that their property was in Orange. In one case a man told the Tax Board he was liable for \$500 in personally. The board found he had sworn off \$15,000 in New York, and he will have to pay on that amount. In another case \$30,000 was assessed against a man, that being the amount he had sworn off in New York.

No Chance for Repeal.

It is by no means certain, however, that any action by Essex Assemblymen would result in repeal or radical change of the liquor law. South Jersey and some of the rural counties in other sections of the State are understood to be "dead set" against any change which would rob the statute of any of its more important provisions. Senatorial, or geographical, representation gives these counties as much influence in one House of the Legislature as the more populous counties, which have little use for the act as it stands, and therefore there is good ground for the belief that any attempt to repeal the law would be met with a majority opposition in the Upper House. Under these conditions it is the opinion of some politicians that the Essex county delegation need have no fear of giving its assistance to do what it can to meet the wishes of the German-Americans, as nothing it could do would be likely to have much effect, at least at the next session of the Legislature. Meantime the primaries are approaching and the demand for action of some kind is becoming more insistent.

Events Open to the World.

Twenty-one events, open to the world, and eight events for members, with an aggregate cash prize list of \$550, are on the programme for the fiftieth annual Scottish games of the New York Gaelic Athletic Club, to be held at Washington Park and Casino, Grand street, between Macbeth and Newtown, Long Island, on Labor Day. Three prizes will be given for each event, to be paid in cash immediately after each event. Competitors can hand in their entries on the day of the games.

Unconstitutional.

Ever since the "bishops' bill" was passed at the recent session of the Legislature in reference to the liquor traffic, there has been a great deal of discussion in the newspapers and by interested parties about the constitutionality of the fifth section of the bill, whereby the appointing of excise commissioners by the mayors of numerous cities in the State was taken away from them and conferred on the judges of the Common Pleas Courts in the several counties. The members of the old excise board of Jersey City, who were appointed by Mayor Fagan, were decidedly opposed to the fifth section of the new liquor law, as it would oust them from office. Therefore they were determined to contest its constitutionality, and made application to the courts for this purpose. The matter, after various processes, finally reached the Supreme Court of the State, and after arguments pro and con by able lawyers, Justice Reed on Saturday last filed an opinion in which he holds that the fifth section of the bill is unconstitutional because "it selects for classification only such excise commissioners as were then appointed, without including those who were elective. It is further special in narrowing the class of appointive functionaries to such as were appointed, regardless of the possible coming into existence of similar appointive officers in the future."

The opinion of Justice Reed was concurred in by the other members of the Supreme Court present, and as Newark is in the same position as Jersey City, it is believed that the board recently appointed by Judge Ten Eyck, consisting of four prominent citizens of that city, will have to follow the example of the new Jersey City board and step down and out. It was declared by the Court that the knocking out of the fifth section does not invalidate any other section of the act.

Since the appointment of the new board in Newark the members have been very active in enforcing the requirements of the "bishops' bill," especially that section relating to screenless windows in the saloons on Sunday. The first thing they did was to increase the license fee from \$250 per year to \$500, and this aroused great opposition among the saloon-keepers, who declared that their business would not warrant the increase. There is considerable speculation in Newark as to what the result of Justice Reed's opinion will be, but it is generally predicted that Mayor Doremus will now relocate the members of his former board. There is one vacancy, caused by the resignation of President Dickinson when he was appointed as a member of the recently created Essex County Tax Board, and there are scores of office seekers who are anxious for the position.

Ground Waters of the Triassic Area.

The Hydrographic Branch of the United States Geological Survey is about to begin an investigation of the ground waters of the Triassic area of the Middle Atlantic States. This area, which occupies a narrow strip in southeastern Pennsylvania, broadens toward the northeast, passing across north-central New Jersey into Rockland county, New York. From an industrial standpoint this is one of the most important regions of the United States. Included within its limits are such cities as York, Lancaster, Reading, Pottsville, Trenton, Newark, Paterson, Elizabeth and Jersey City, while Harrisburg lies close to its northeastern border, and Philadelphia is but a few miles beyond its southeastern boundary. The rocks of the area comprise red sandstone, shale and trap, thoroughly cut up by two or more systems of intersecting, deeply penetrating joints and fissures, and the water is uncertain in occurrence and variable in quantity. Of the many attempts to procure good waters in this section comparatively few have been very successful, chiefly because the fundamental conditions have never been systematically studied, and hence are practically unknown.

This interstate investigation by the United States Geological Survey will include a careful study of the effect of the joints and fissures on the occurrence of the ground waters and the determination of the depth and inclination of the water-bearing beds at each locality. Analyses will be made to ascertain the character of the waters and their effect, favorable or unfavorable, upon steam boilers and upon manufactured products of various kinds. The report on this work, which will be published for free distribution, will be eminently practical in character, and the facts will be so presented that the average reader can readily obtain just the information he may desire concerning the ground water supplies of any locality.

Good Fishing.

Fishermen from Newark, Montclair, this town and the Oranges came home on Sunday from Pine Brook, Swinfield Bridge and other places along the Passaic and Rockaway rivers loaded down with good catches of bass, pickerel, perch, carp, sunners and sunfish. Campers at Green Pond have been catching large bass and pickerel for the past few days. Dr. W. F. Harrison, who has a camp at Green Pond, says that the fishing up to August 15 was very poor, but since then large catches of bass and pickerel have been very common. The best fishing, he says, is during the early morning and late evening hours.

Beauty.

One of the most active spirits in the formation of the Celtic Society in Los Angeles, Cal., was John S. McGroarty of Wilkesbarre, Pa., who at the age of about twenty-six was treasurer of Lacrosse county, the youngest man ever elected to that important position. At the latest meeting of that organization he recited the following poem, among others, as a specimen of what the Celt can do when inspired, and we think no one can quarrel with the beauty of the lines. It was written by Nora Ropper, and was unanimously voted the gem of Mr. McGroarty's selections:

Beauty was born of the world's desire,
For the wandering water of the wandering fire,
Under the arch of her hurrying feet,
She has trodden a world full of bitter-sweet.

The blood of the violet is in her veins,
Her pulse has the passion of April rains;
Out of the heart of a slain dove
God made her eyelids in one sweet hour.

Out of the wind He made her feet
That they might be lovely and luring and fleet;
Out of a cloud He wove her hair,
Heavy and black with the rain held there.

What is her name? There's none that knows—
Mother-o'-mischief or mother-o'-rose;
What's her pathway? None may tell,
But it climbs to heaven and dips to hell.

Alden Freeman's Book.

Alden Freeman's book, the publication of which has been awaited with so much interest by local and county politicians, is now ready for delivery to subscribers. It may be had from Mr. Freeman, 101 Munn avenue, East Orange, or may be obtained at the Record office. Paper covers \$1, cloth covers \$1.50.

The book contains 148 closely printed pages, with over fifty cartoons and portraits. It is divided into eleven chapters, as follows: The Colby Campaign in 1905; The Citizens' Union Campaign of 1905; The Fire Limits of East Orange; Suburban Campaigning; The Long Defalcation; The Masters of the Boes; Election Law Reforms; Popular Demand for Investigation of the Prudential; A New State Constitution; The Just Distribution of Wealth; The Colby Platform of 1906.

The book is inscribed to the late Henry G. Atwater, and opens with a prophecy concerning New Jersey, by Lincoln Steffens.

Mr. Freeman's history of the Colby movement is the most complete and authentic to be obtained anywhere, it being a well-known fact that Mr. Freeman, if not the "original Colby man," was actively identified with the movement from the start, devoting his whole time to it during the hot months of that memorable summer campaign of 1906. The chapter on the Colby movement is extremely interesting, as it narrates how the most unique political upheaval in the State was brought about.

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